

TITLE 15 - Land Use Regulations

Huntsville Town Ordinance – Title 15.30 Fencing

Huntsville Town Fence Ordinance¹

15.30 FENCING

The materials used in a constructed fence are limited to materials made of wood, metal, concrete, masonry, stone, or vinyl. The materials used to construct the fence shall be of dimensions and design commonly intended for typical fence construction and shall not be materials or reused materials that have been designed for another function and are now being used to create a fence. Where a fence is erected upon a retaining wall or where, for other reasons, there is a difference in the elevation of the surface of the land on either side of the fence, height of the fence shall be measured from a point halfway between the top of the retaining wall and the land on the lower side or from the average elevation of the surface of the land on either side of the fence, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to restrict to less than four feet (4') in height measured from the surface of the land on the site having the highest elevation.

- A. In residential zones fences that have razor ribbon or barbed wire are prohibited. A barbed wire fence would not be considered to be in violation of this provision if such fence material is used to repair or replace existing barbed wire fences where such fencing is for existing agricultural or pasture fences.
1. No fence or other similar structure shall be erected, installed, planted or maintained in any required front yard of a dwelling (portion of yard from front of house to the front property line) to a height in excess of four feet (4'); nor shall any fence or similar structure be erected in any side or rear yard to a height in excess of six feet (6') except fences created solely of living plant material. Decorative gates guarding a driveway may be erected to a height of eight feet (8').
 2. On corner lots in a residential zone, a fence may be erected, installed, planted, or maintained in any side yard facing a street on a corner lot to a maximum height of four feet (4'), or to a maximum height of six feet (6') if the following conditions are met:
 - a. The fence shall not extend into the side yard area between the dwelling and street and shall be located exclusively in the side yard area immediately adjacent to the rear yard.

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- b. A clear view zone shall be maintained free of fencing when a driveway exists on the adjacent lot within ten feet (10') of the shared property line. The "clear view zone" refers to that portion of the corner lot lying within a triangular area formed by measuring back ten feet (10') from the point where the interior property line shared with the adjacent lot meets the property line along the public right of way.

B. In commercial zones fences that have razor ribbon are prohibited. Security fences may have up to three (3) strands of barbed wire provided that no strand of barbed wire shall be permitted less than six (6) feet high. The barbed wire strands shall not slant more than sixty (60) degrees from a vertical line and shall not project over Town property. Fences with barbed wire shall not be allowed in the front yard setback.

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 2. Decorative gates guarding a driveway may be erected to a height of eight (8) feet.